

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Inventor: Marc H. SCHNEIDER ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Examiner:  
Filed: February 1, 2002 )  
For: FURAN POLYMER )  
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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new heading and new paragraph as follows:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims the right to priority based on Norwegian Application No. 2001 0558, filed February 1, 2001 and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/272,049, filed March 1, 2001.--

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**REMARKS**


The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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